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Two recent publications by Norsk Hydro-Elektrisk Kvaelfstofaktieselskab provide a wealth of detailed information on this important concern's administration and production. Five copies of each are attached as Enclosures 1 and 2, respectively. The material presented in these publications is of value in bringing up to date information contained in the referenced report on Norsk Hydro's operations.

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The first publication, "Norsk Hydro," is printed in English and presents a factory-by-factory survey as well as an overall outline of Norsk Hydro's past and current operations. A list of the main Norsk Hydro products is given on page 7 of the booklet. The remaining portion of the publication is devoted to photographs of electric power stations, factories, equipment, products and related subjects.

The second publication, in Norwegian, is entitled "Kjenner Du Norsk Hydro?" (Do You Know Norsk Hydro?) and is designed to provide the firm's employees with complete information on Norsk Hydro activities. Included in the valuable data presented in the booklet are: a diagram of the relationship between the parent firm and its many daughter companies (page 6); a detailed map of the Telemark plant area (page 24); a complete presentation of the firm's electric installations including a diagram of power lines in Telemark (page 29) and a tabular summary of the capacity and output of the power stations (page 31); and a complete list of Norsk Hydro products giving the place of manufacture, composition, appearance and use (beginning on page 81).

In addition, there is a section devoted to a complete description of each factory or production unit including (for factories) the associated power stations, the factory itself, commodities produced, auxiliary units, and social welfare undertakings. The units are described on the following pages:

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Supplementing the statistics on production and sale given on pages 91-92, the firm has provided the data contained in the following table:

Table 1.- Nitrogen for fertilizer and for industrial purposes: Norsk Hydro's production and export, 1947/48 to 1949/50

(quantity in metric tons N)						
For fertilizer		For industrial purposes		Total		
Production	Exports	Production	Exports	Production	Exports	
1947/48	76,300	55,000	4,700	2,600	81,000	57,600
1948/49	99,000	74,500	5,000	2,300	104,000	76,800
1949/50	140,300	101,700	6,300	2,800	146,600	104,500

Source: Norsk Hydro-Elektrisk Kvaestofaktieselskab

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Enclosures:

1. "Norsk Hydro"
2. "Kjenner Du Norsk Hydro?" (Do You Know Norsk Hydro?)